

## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 9, 1998

**Present:** June Bailey, Pat Consolver, Bob Martz, M.S. Mitchell, Leon Robinson

**Absent:** Lucy Burtnett and William Sanders

**Also Present:** Ron Vine, Bucher, Willis & Ratliff; Chris Tatham, ETC Institute; and Ron Hayworth, Tim Martz, Janice McKinney and Maryann Crockett (staff)

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 1998, were reviewed and approved.

1. **Huntington Place Land Donation**. Requested by Bob Martz. Martz referred board members to the correspondence and map dated 12/1/97 from Carisa McMullen of Austin Miller, P.A. Staff reported that the lot size was .75 of an acre. There was discussion concerning maintenance issues and the mowing schedule.

On motion by Mitchell, second by Bailey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to defer action on this item and invite someone from Austin Miller or the neighborhood association to attend the March meeting.

2. **Discussion and Revision of Park Facility Survey**. Ron Vine, Bucher, Willis and Ratliff and Chris Tatham, ETC Institute. Tatham began by stating that the survey would be mailed to approximately 3,000 individuals who had been randomly selected from each of the six Council Districts. He commented that they were expecting a 30% response rate.

Bob Martz requested clarification on the purpose of the survey. Tatham and Vine responded that the survey will assist park staff in addressing such issues as programming, funding, service delivery, best use of available resources, long range planning and consensus building. There was discussion concerning advertising the survey including publishing articles in the Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN) newsletter and other neighborhood newsletters, distribution of a press release through the City Public Information Office, advertising on the City Cable channel or the "Ask City Hall" program and a possible article in the Wichita Eagle. There was discussion concerning a cover letter to accompany the survey. It was also agreed to include a map designating Council Districts.

Board members and the consultant reviewed the survey item by item, making numerous changes and revisions. Vine and Tatham indicated they would make the requested changes to the survey and prepare it for distribution in March. The consultant briefly reviewed Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the study. Bob Martz expressed concern regarding the timetable previously distributed by the

consultant, and commented that since the consultant started 30 days later than originally scheduled, that the entire timetable should be rolled back 30 days.

### **OFF-THE-AGENDA ITEM**

1. **Discussion of Third Street Project.** Requested by M.S. Mitchell. Mitchell commented that he had requested the Board discuss this item as a result of the comments made at the public hearing held 2/3/98. He said although the plan was a Public Works project, he encouraged board members to attend the CPO meeting 2/4/98 and the neighborhood meeting scheduled 2/19/98. There was brief discussion concerning issues such as safety, maintenance, lights, benches and extra crossings. Tim Martz reported that Public Works staff would perform maintenance of the area with storm water funds and that park staff had been asked to provide assistance with establishment of woody plant materials.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

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M.S. Mitchell, First Vice President

ATTEST:

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Maryann Crockett, Clerk